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Reply to: Final Office Action of February 17, 2006

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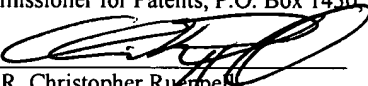
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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

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Honorable Commissioner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 17, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on May 17, 2006. A Petition for a three month extension of time for response to the current office action and a Petition fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herein. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1479.

The Amendments to the **Specification** section beginning on page 3 of this paper contain a reproduction (for the Examiner's convenience) of the amendment to the specification that was originally submitted in the Response filed November 23, 2005 and re-submitted in Response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed January 6, 2006. Further, the amendment to the specification section is included as Exhibit C of the 1.132 declaration by R. Christopher Rueppell being submitted by this Response.

Amendment to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 5 of this paper. The Amendments to the claims are to correct mere formalities and do not add new matter or require further examination.

The Amendments to the **Drawings** beginning on page 9 of this paper contain a reproduction (for the Examiner's convenience) of the amendment to the drawing figures that was originally submitted in the Response filed November 23, 2005 and re-submitted in Response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed January 6, 2006. Further, the amendment to the drawing figures section is included as Exhibit A of the 37 CFR §1.132 declaration by R. Christopher Rueppell being submitted by this Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

Applicant is respectfully submitting nine (9) Declarations under 37 CFR §1.132 from the inventors and from R. Christopher Rueppell. There are two (2) Declarations from Linda H. Malkas, two (2) Declarations from Robert J. Hickey, one (1) Declaration from Derek J. Hoelz, one (1) Declaration from Pamela E. Bechtel, one (1) Declaration from Lauren Schnaper, (1) Declaration from Dragana Tomic, and (1) Declaration from R. Christopher Rueppell. These Declarations are enclosed herein.